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Inside message for the outside world

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AN INSIDE MESSAGE FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD
Lesson for March 27, 1983
Bible Study Passage: Acts 8:25-38
INTRODUCTION

Certain information and news is often reserved for selected individuals. Groups and cliques often possess their own lingo and "grapevine." Letters are sent with an individual unspoken but implied message, "For your eyes only." Many things go on in our world that are unknown to the general public. The Central Intelligence Agency maintains a "tight lip" on its activities of espionage and clandestine movement.

"There are organizations that are sworn to secrecy, whose privileges are available to members only. As a young boy I remember having a club house open only to certain friends, and, of course, no girls! Organizations sworn to secrecy possess information that is shared only with insiders."

The recent Freedom of Information Act does not guarantee an open door policy in which classified information and sensitive material are publically broadcast. The Act does insure privacy and certain rights.

The church was never intended to be a secretive organization. Jesus instructed his disciples to broadcast the Gospel to outsiders everywhere. Jesus said... "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jersalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

An Evangelistic Broadcaster (Acts 9:5-8, 14-17,35)

There are many barriers that keep people from coming together. The Gospel was not always well received or tolerated. It required a great deal of boldness to proclaim the Gospel to those outside traditional thinking and practices. Philip was such a bold person.

Philip preached a bold message in his bold style of evangelism.To preach outside his usual boundaries required courage and tolerance. For a Jewish Christian to preach to Samaritans was no easy task. But Philip was willing to risk himself in order to reach out to people.

Love is the only absolute for breaking down dividing walls. Philip put aside his own prejudices and followed the example of Jesus who loved without conditions being met.

As long as prejudice remains the dividing walls will stand firm. Love is a powerful tonic for getting close to people and knowing them as persons.

Ethiopian Convert (Acts 8:26-38)

When the Apostles began to proclaim the Gospel, they witnessed its effects throughout the land. Once again we encounter Philip preaching to a foreigner from Ethiopia. Here, again, the Gospel reached across boundaries to touch a person who held a high place in government. He was obviously a devoted Jew.

The Ethiopian was also a man who struggled. He questioned and sought answers to those things he did not understand. This Ethiopian wondered about Isaish's description of the "Suffering Servant." At this point in the journey the Ethiopian encounters Philip. The end result, of this encounter was a baptism there in the desert.

We can be witnesses and care givers in the most unusual places and circumstances. The opportunity to minister to someone may exist right under our nose. Each day we encounter those who need and want a word of hope or a gesture that somebody cares about them.

There is no greater joy than to give of oneself in ministry to another individual.

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Mt. Pleasant news

"Deacons and Trustees Day" will be observed the fourth Sunday in April at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The Rev. Archard Watkins and the Gospelettes of Meherrin, Va., will be the guests. Come out and hear a good program.

Bible study will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m. The Senior Choir will rehearse at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Rev. Napier will be conducting Spring Revival at Gravel Hill Baptist Church on April 15. Services will begin on Monday night, March 28 at Galilee and alternate nights with Promise Land. Services will be held nightly at 7 p.m. starting with prayer service.

Sunrise service will be held at Promise Land Baptist Church on April 3.

We invite each and everyone to regular services Sunday, March 27, 1983 at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Promise Land news

"In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich."

On March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School, the Assembly will sponsor a County-Wide Talent Program. Come out and see what good talent your county has.

Holy week services will be held March 28 - April 1 at Galilee and Promise Land Baptist Churches. It

MRS. NEOLA SMITH (center) and Mrs. Helen Gunter (right) are shown presenting Mrs. Rachel Lawson a Life Membership in the Memorial United Methodist Church Methodist Women. This presentation was made on behalf of the Florence Barlow Circle. Mrs. Lawson named this circle when it was organized. Mrs. Gunter and Mrs. Smith are daughters of the late Mrs. Barlow. Mrs. Lawson was recognized for her service and dedication to the United Methodist Women. On behalf of the entire membership, congratulations to Mrs. Lawson.

Galilee church news

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Services at Galilee this past Sunday were very inspirational. Pastor Davis delivered a very challenging sermon concerning giving our entire lives to Christ. We were blessed to have many visitors attend our services.

The Youth Service Singers were in concert at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church this past Sunday. The organ dedication concert was truly beautiful and enjoyed by each one present. Pastor Pryor, Rev. Ernest Humbles, Rev. James Miller and Rev. Tim Lawing were present. Rev. Miller rendered two soul-stirring selections.

Rev. Lindsey Fleshman, formerly of Appomattox, and son of Mrs. Clara McFay, now a resident of River Beach, Florida, will be the guest speaker at Galilee this coming fourth Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. Fleshman attended Kittrell College in North Carolina. He later earned his BS from Virginia Union University at Richmond. During his professional career, Brother Lindsey earned the Master's degree. Rev. Fleshman is married and the father of two children. The Fleshmans will be accompanied by Special Singers. Be sure to attend.

Rehearsal for the Mass Choir of the Hasadiah Baptist Association will be held at Galilee this coming Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. All Galilee Senior Choir members are asked to please be present.

We are happy to report that the sick and shut-in of our community are improving.Sister Daisy Palmer has returned home after receiving special treatment at LGMLH. Let us continue in prayer for everyone.

This coming Friday, March 25, The County-Wide Talent Show, sponsored by the Appomattox Assembly and for the benefit of the 4-H Educational Center, will be held at the ACHS auditorium. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and promises to be one of the finest presented in this area.

As we close let us remember that Christians are directed to have faith in Christ, as the effectual means of obtaining the change they desire. Have a pleasant week and may God bless.

Gravel Hill

By FLOSSIE WALKER

A flower fades, but the word of God will stand forever.

The regular preaching service was held at Gravel Hill Baptist Church March 20, with the Rev. J. Miller in charge. He was assisted by the Revs. Howard Flood, Earl Jones, and C. Hill.

The choir rendered beautiful music, with Mrs. Mattie Watson at the piano.

The Holiness Gospel Singers of Pamplin will perform at Gravel Hill Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in April at 7 p.m. Sponsor is Miss Carolyn Burkley. A great evangelist, Mrs. Odell Johnson of Maryland, will speak at the church service the third Sunday in May.

Always feel welcome at Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Our prayers go out to the sick and shut-in everywhere.

New Hope seeks 285

High Attendance Day is scheduled at New Hope Baptist Church this Sunday, March 27, beginning at 10 a.m.

"We hope to have 285 in Sunday school and at the worship service," says Carroll Goodrich, Sunday school director, "and we will have a special recognition of all classes which meet or exceed their goal for this special day."

"Pastor Bob Williams joins me in encouraging everyone to be present on this special day," says Goodrich.

The Rev. Elton McDowell will be at New Hope Baptist Church March 27, 28 and 30 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to lead the '83 Bible Study on 1 Peter.

Members and guests are urged to make plans to attend this special Bible study.

St. Anne's sets schedule

Following is the schedule for St. Anne's Episcopal Church:

Palm Sunday Eucharist - 9:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Eucharist - 8 p.m.; Easter Eucharist - 9 a.m.

Liberty sets services

The Holy Week noon worship services, March 28 through April 1, will be held at Liberty Baptist Church. These services are sponsored by churches in the Appomattox area.

The public is invited to the brief worship services at 12:10 p.m. and to lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The schedule for the churches sponsoring the worship and serving the lunch is as follows: Monday, St. Anne's Episcopal; Tuesday, Appomattox Presbyterian; Wednesday, Liberty Baptist; Thursday, Our Lady of Peace Catholic; and Friday, Memorial United Methodist.

The Easter Sunrise service will also be at Liberty Baptist Church Sunday, April 3 at 7 a.m. All services and lunches are open to the public and the lunches are free. Pause during this season and let us join as a community in worship and fellowship.

RCC slates cantata

The Rustburg Christian Chorus combined with the youth chorus, God's Children, will present the cantata "Hosanna" by Joe Parks during this Easter season. Also included in the program are two selections, "He's Alive" by Don Francisco, and "The Resurrection Song" by Bill Gaither and Michael Smith.

Soloists for this program are Mrs. Ritra Cyrus, Mr. Will Henderson, Mrs. June Keesee, Miss Meredith Wade and Mr. Van Tanner. It is narrated by Mr. Morris Stauffer, directed by Mrs. Teresa Russell, and sound provided by Mr. Roy Blankinship.

The program is scheduled for performance at four area churches during Easter Week:

Sunday, March 27 - Diamond Hill Presbyterian.
Tues., March 29 - Yellow Branch Baptist
Friday, April 1 - Rustburg Presbyterian
Sunday, April 3 - Bethany United Methodist

All performances are at 7:30 and are open to the public.

Sunrise service set at New Hope

Easter sunrise service will be held at New Hope Baptist Church at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 3.

Sunday School services will be held at 10 a.m., and regular worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Bob Williams invited everyone to attend.

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Mrs. Binford Burks Nash, Jr.

Roakes, Nash are married

The marriage of Miss Susan Anne Roakes and Binford Burks Nash, Jr. took place March 12 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the home of the bride and groom in Gladys.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Wilson Roakes and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Binford Burks Nash, Sr., all of Gladys.

The bride's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Joseph S. Crews of Long Island, and the late Mr. Crews. The groom's paternal grandmother is Mrs. Hunter S. Nash of Spout Spring, and the late Mr. Nash.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. David L. Bailey, pastor of Tazewell Baptist Church and formerly of Gladys. The vows were spoken before a setting of ferns and magnolia leaves in wicker stands and an arrangement of white gladiolas, mums, and carnations.

Escorted by her father, and given in marriage by her parents the bride wore a white formal gown of silk organza, fashioned with a split neck and a bodice trimmed with Venice lace and pearls. The bishop sleeves and scalloped tiered skirt, with an attached chapel length train, was accented with lace and pearl motifs.

The fingertip veil of illusion was attached to a wreath of white silk roses. She carried a bouquet of white silk stephanotis, carnations, lily of the valley and yellow rosebuds in a cascade design.

Mrs. Grayson Francis, sister of the bride, of Nathalie was matron of honor. She wore a street length dress of deep lilac chiffon, and carried a nosegay design bouquet of deep lilac daisies, white carnations, baby's breath and statics.

Mr. Nash was best man for his son.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the dining room. The table was covered with a yellow tablecloth with a lace overlay and centered with an arrangement of white and yellow mums and lighted candles.

The bride is a graduate of William Campbell High School and Central Virginia Community College and is employed by C. B. Fleet, Inc.

The bridegroom is a graduate of William Campbell High School and is self employed.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in Gladys.

Shower honors bride-elect

Mrs. Robin Bollinger was honored with a bridal shower on March 3.

Hostesses for the evening were Ms. Jane Guill, Mrs. Diane Franklin and Ms. Susan George. The Guill home, site of the shower, was decorated with a color scheme of pink and cranberry.

Those in attendance were Mrs. Cindy Bollinger, stepmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Doris Harvey, mother of the groom-elect; and Mrs. Violet Edmonds, grandmother of the bride-elect.

The marriage of Miss Bollinger to Mr. Ronald Harvey will be an event of April 2, 1983.

Donna Cherry and Kenneth Gobble

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cherry of Canton, Illinois are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Ileene, to Kenneth Paul Gobble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Summers L. Gobble, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Gobble is formerly of Appomattox.

Kenneth is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McIntosh of Appomattox and the late Mr. Summers L. Gobble, Sr. Kenneth's great-grandmother is Cessie Handy of Appomattox.

Both the prospective bride and groom are students at Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa, Georgia.

A mid-May wedding is planned.

Bride-elect honored

Miss Robin Bollinger was honored with a Tupperware shower on March 9 at the Rescue Squad Building in Appomattox.

Hostesses for the event were Cheryl Harvey, Diann Harvey and Shawn Moore.

Among the guests attending were friends and relatives of the bride-elect and the groom-elect.

Robin received many nice gifts at the shower.

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Miss Booth, Mr. Shelton are married

Miss Tammy Sue Booth and Mr. Melvin Ramsey Shelton, Jr., both of Concord, were united in marriage March 5, 1983 at the home of the bridegroom's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin R. Shelton, Sr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Booth of Route 1, Concord. The bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Ramsey Shelton, Sr., of Route 1, Concord.

The Rev. Melvin Ramsey Shelton, Sr., officiated over the wedding ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Gerald L. Booth. The bridegroom's best man was Raymond Jack Shelton, Jr., the bridegroom's double first cousin.

The bride's honor attendant was Ellen Annette Shelton, sister of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Shelton, Jr.

The bride is a graduate of Rustburg High School and Central Virginia Community College. She is employed at Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital in Lynchburg.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is employed at Babcock and Wilcox Naval Nuclear Fuel Division.

The couple plan to make their home in Appomattox County.

Sorority slates fundrasier

Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority of Longwood College will sponsor a Skate-A-Thon on Monday, March 28 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at A. J. Skateworld to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Sponsor sheets may be obtained from the schools, A.J. Skateworld, or by contacting Jeanette Drinkard at 352-7753.

Prizes will be awarded to skaters with the largest donations. A minimum of $10.00 in donations is required for an individual to be able to skate. Skate rental is extra.

Individuals are urged to give generously to help find a cure for diabetes. Insulin is NOT a cure!

Conners have new son

Connie and Don Conner are proud to announce the birth of a son, Blake Fry Conner, born Feb. 7, 1983 at 9:12 a.m. in Norfolk General Hospital.

Blake weighed six pounds, 12½ ounces and was 20½ inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lew Fry of Portsmouth, Va. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. "Sam" Conner of Appomattox.

Garden Club plans meeting

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet on Monday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. in St. Anne's Parish Hall. Mrs. C.T. Moses, Jr., second vice president of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., will present a program on "Conditioning Plant Materials."

The artistic exhibit is "Wind Tossed" - an arrangement using a bottle as a container. All members are urged to attend.

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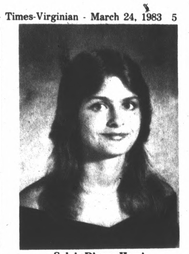

Sylvia Dianne Harris

Harris wedding is planned

Mr. and Mrs. William Houston Harris of Appomattox are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia Dianne, to Louis Leroy Harley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Miss Harris is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Mr. Harley is a graduate of Southview High School in North Carolina. He is now employed with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department in North Carolina.

The wedding is planned for July 16 at 2 p.m. in the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Bollinger wedding planned

The marriage of Miss Robin Lynell Bollinger to Ronald Lee Harvey will take place at Evergreen United Methodist Church on April 2, 1983 at 7 p.m.

Although no invitations will be sent, all friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

A reception will be held in the church social hall immediately following the ceremony.

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